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1. ACCORDING TO CURRENT PEKING RUMOR, THE REVIEW OF THE PRC STATE CONSTITUTION HAS BEEN COMPLETED. THE JAPANESE HAVE THE STORY FROM A FOREIGN SPECIALIST WORKING IN PEKING; THE MAURITANIAN CHARGE REPORTEDLY WAS TOLD THE SAME THING BY A RANKING PRC OFFICIAL (PROBABLY VICE FORMIN HO YING), AND THE MEETING AT THE HSIN CHIAO HOTEL WHERE THE CONSTITUTION WAS SUPPOSEDLY DISCUSSED (REFTEL) CLOSED ON AUGUST 8 WITH A BANQUET CELEBRATING THE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF THE TASK.

2. THE MAURITANIAN CHARGE WAS REPORTEDLY ALSO TOLD NOW THAT THE CONSTITUTION REVIEW WAS COMPLETED, THE NATIONAL PEOPLE'S
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CONGRESS WOULD BE HELD IN SEPTEMBER.

3. COMMENT: THE CURRENT SPATE OF STATE CONSTITUTION AND NPC REPORTS SOUNDS MUCH LIKE A RERUN OF LAST YEAR'S RUMORS WHICH PRODUCED NEITHER A REVISED STATE CONSTITUTION NOR A NATIONAL PEOPLE'S CONGRESS. SPECULATION ABOUT AN NPC, OF COURSE, LOGICALLY FOLLOWS FROM REPORTS THAT REVIEW OF THE CONSTITUTION IS COMPLETED. WHILE PEKING PROBABLY WOULD LIKE TO HOLD THE CONGRESS BEFORE ITS 25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OCTOBER 1, EVIDENCE IS STILL TOO SCANTY TO DRAW ANY CONCLUSIONS.

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